



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Keith R. D'ALESSIO et al.

Group Art Unit: 1772

Application No.: 09/430,289

Examiner: S. HON

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For: POLYMERIC CONTAINERS FOR 1,1-DISUBSTITUTED MONOMER COMPOSITIONS

REPLY BRIEF

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following remarks are directed to the new points of argument raised in the Examiner's Answer mailed July 1, 2004.

At page 8, section 1.b.i of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner argues that Appellants do not acknowledge that Kvitrud addresses problems in the prior art, where cyanoacrylate is the only specifically identified chemical for containment. Appellants disagree. While cyanoacrylate may be the only positively identified chemical, Kvitrud describes a wide range of materials that required containment, including "medical and dental preparations ... compositions for film developing and other photographic applications, adhesives (such as cyanoacrylates), lubricants and the like." Col. 1, lines 29-36. Kvitrud thus identifies an extensive range of chemicals, not all of which are identified as being photocurable or anionically polymerizable, as are cyanoacrylates. Rather, the common property of the disclosed compositions is that they must be protected from excessive exposure